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Presentations on Virginia's Capitol Restoration Project to be Held ~ Virginia Recognizes National Preservation Week with a Series of Presentations and Tours ~

RICHMOND, VA – As part of National Preservation Week the Commonwealth of Virginia will hold a series of information sessions and tours of the Virginia Capitol.

Starting Wednesday, May 5 and continuing to Saturday, May 8, citizens can attend a Capitol tour and information session about the Capitol's history and the upcoming three-year restoration and extension project. The information sessions and tours will be offered:

Wednesday, May 5 – 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 6 – 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.
Friday, May 7 – 9:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 8 – 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

Lasting approximately 40 minutes, each information session and tour will combine discussions of the historical significance of the Capitol building with the plans to recapture the historical essence of the building through the upcoming restoration project. A model of the Capitol showing the location of the extension will be available for viewing and information about the other restoration projects in Capitol Square will be provided. There is no charge for admission, but reservations are recommended.

The theme of this year's National Preservation Week is "New Frontiers in Preservation." Created in 1971 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation it is designed to highlight preservation efforts nationwide.

To make reservations for the Capitol Tours and information sessions call 804-698-1522 or toll-free at 888-892-6948. Limited free parking is available located at the corner of Ninth Street and Broad Street. For directions to the Capitol log-on to <http://legis.state.va.us/CapitolTours/CapitolTours.htm>.

(parking map attached)

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